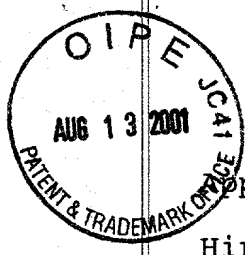


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In response to the PTO Notice, a duly signed declaration is submitted herewith together with a check in the sum of \$130.00 to cover the required surcharge for the late filing of the declaration. Also submitted is a copy of the PTO

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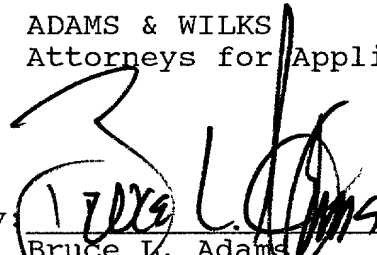
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In response to the requirement for submission of an abstract not exceeding 150 words in length, a new abstract is submitted herewith on a separate sheet numbered page 25. It is respectfully requested that enclosed page 25 be entered in the PTO application file in lieu of original pages 25 and 26 filed with the application. It is not believed that any fee is required for submission of the new abstract; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

It is respectfully requested that the processing of the application be completed, and that the application be assigned to an Examiner for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

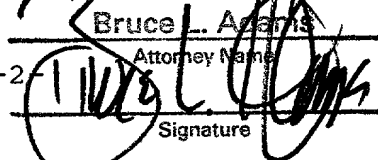
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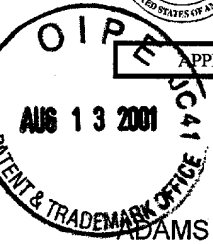
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment.

- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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